

Oberlin College Ohio

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My dear Sir

474 Prof. Monroe yesterday read
to me a letter from you having reference chiefly
to the probability of a colored young man, being
able to pay his way here by his labor. Mr. Monroe
would have replied himself but he had un-
expectedly to go to Columbus about the rescue case.

With respect to the opportunities for labor
in this College, I would say that a good mechanic
can almost always pay his debt / pay his way.
~~We have now considerably over 500 young~~
men & youth on the ground, many of whom
partly or in whole maintain themselves by
manual labor or teaching. A student with
no mechanical genius has to encounter many
difficulties & where there are so many to be
provided for, there is but a very meagre chance
for one without any trade: unless he has
been brought up on a farm & has assisted
in clearing the Forest & preparing cord wood.
I am sorry therefore that I cannot encourage
the young man in question to come here with-
out means.

I am much pleased to see

any good account in W. Howland's letter to
the Standard, of the doings of the District Court
at Cleveland. Two or three of the "culprits"
are Students & Englishmen, with very small means.
Lincoln, the young man who was seized
while teaching school, twelve miles from Co-
lumbus & manacled (altho' he made no resistance)
is one of these & is very worthy & very poor. He
has taught school heretofore for two winters in
connection with John J. Fee in Kentucky. Some
months ago I sent a concise account of this
rescue case to the Editor of the London A. S. Society
Reporter, asking for a little help for these English
Students. My letter however, for some un-
known cause has not been noticed. I wrote
to the Reporter, ~~for the reason~~^{because} that I am well
known to some members of the New Bedford St.
Committee.

I wish I could obtain some
help for these men, Lincoln, Winsor & Barthett.

A fund will come into the hands of the
College some day - perhaps in a year or two,
whereby we shall be enabled to assist colored
young men & women in getting an education.

I subscribe with much respect

I remain, very dear Sir

Yours for the enslaved

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